

duty in connection with which the reference is made is assigned by or under this Act or under such law.

18. Appointment of the commissioner and his term of office.—(1) The commissioner shall be appointed by the Government and shall not be a member of the corporation and he shall hold office during the pleasure of the Government.

19. Salary and other conditions of service of the commissioner.—(1) The commissioner shall be paid out of the corporation fund such monthly salary and allowances as the Government may, from time to time, by order determine.

(2) The commissioner shall be a whole-time officer of the corporation and shall not engage in any other profession, trade or business whatsoever.

(3) When a salaried servant of the Government is appointed as the commissioner, there shall be paid to the Government out of the corporation funds such sum by way of contribution towards his pension, leave salary and other allowances as may be required to be paid by him or on his behalf under the conditions of service applicable to him.

(4) Leave may be granted to the commissioner by the Government and when such leave is granted, he shall be paid such leave salary and allowances as the Government may determine which shall be met out of the corporation funds.

20. Acting commissioner.—During the absence on leave or other temporary vacancy in the office of the commissioner, the Government may appoint a person to act as the commissioner and every person so appointed shall exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed by this Act or any other law for the time being in force on the commissioner and shall be subject to all the

liabilities, restrictions and conditions to which the commissioner is liable and shall receive such monthly salary and allowances not exceeding the salary and allowances for the time being payable to the commissioner, as the Government may determine.

21. Ad-hoc committees.—(1) The corporation may appoint out of its own body such ad-hoc committees consisting of such number of councillors as it shall think fit, and may refer to such committees for inquiry and report or for opinion, such special subjects relating to the purposes of this Act as it shall think fit, and direct that the report of any such committee shall be submitted through the standing committee concerned.

(2) An ad-hoc committee appointed under sub-section (1), may with the previous sanction of the corporation, co-opt not more than two persons who are not councillors but who in the opinion of the committee possess special qualifications for serving thereon.

22. Honoraria, fees or allowances.—(1) From out of the corporation funds such honoraria, fees or allowances as may be determined by the Government may be paid to mayor, deputy mayor and the councillors.

(2) The corporation shall place at the disposal of the mayor annually such sum not exceeding five thousand rupees as may be determined by it by way of sumptuary allowance.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act the receipt by any person of honoraria, fee or allowance as mayor, deputy mayor or councillor as aforesaid shall not disqualify him for being elected as or for being a councillor.

23. Oath of allegiance to be taken by councillors.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Oaths Act, 1969 (Central Act 44 of 1969) every person who is elected or appointed to be a councillor shall, before taking his seat

make at a meeting of the corporation, an oath or affirmation of his allegiance to the Constitution in the following form, namely :—

“I, A. B., having been elected/appointed a councillor of this corporation do **swear in the name of God** ——— that I **solemnly affirm** will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India, and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.”

(2) Any person who having been elected or appointed to be a councillor fails to make, within three months of the date on which his term of office commences or at one of the first three meetings held after the said date, whichever is later, the oath or affirmation laid down in sub-section (1) shall cease to hold his office and his seat shall be deemed to have become vacant.

(3) Any person who has been elected or appointed to be a councillor shall not take his seat at a meeting of the corporation or do any act as such councillor unless he has made the oath or affirmation as laid down in sub-section (1).

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (3), a mayor or deputy mayor or the chairman or a member of a standing committee, who has not made the oath or affirmation as a councillor shall be entitled to act as such mayor, deputy mayor, chairman or member :